

26 AXIS PLANES DESTROYED BY AMERICAN AIRMEN OVER TUNISIA AS ACTIVITY LAGS

LOSE 10 OF OWN

British 8th Army Probes Rommel's Defenses Along Frontier

U. S. LEAVES ONE AREA

Little Change In Ground Situation; Aerial Work Outstanding

U. S. Forces In Europe Commanded By Airman

LONDON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Gen. Frank M. Andrews, advocate of repeated use of the heavy bomber, succeeded Lieut.-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today as commander of U. S. Forces in the European theater and pledged an immediate intensification of the aerial onslaught on Germany.

"We intend to go all out in intensifying the air warfare," the 60-year-old flying Tennessean declared. "My first job is to increase and intensify the bombing of the enemy."

Gen. Eisenhower now is Allied commander in North Africa. Only yesterday, U. S. Flying Fortresses bombed German soil

for the second time in this war and the elevation of Andrews to the European command was interpreted as meaning a sharp upturn in the fight against Hitler from above.

Andrews said he would build up U. S. Air Forces in Britain in order to increase the aerial offensive against Germany. He said there would be no immediate night bombing of Germany by his forces, since big Flying Fortresses and Liberators are better adapted to precision daylight attacks.

This is his third and most important command since the left the U. S. Army's General

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 5—(AP)—A brilliant aerial victory in which American airmen destroyed 26 Axis planes and damaged 26 others, with a loss of ten Allied craft, was announced today while land action remained minor and the British Eighth Army probed Field Marshal Rommel's defenses along the southern Tunisian frontier.

U. S. Leaves Sened Area

A headquarters spokesman announced that U. S. armored forces had withdrawn from the Sened railway station in central Tunisia, 65 miles northwest of the Axis-held Gabes, after "accomplishing the purpose of their mission." The Allied communiqué itself did not mention this action, simply reporting:

"There was no change in the ground situation."

It was the air on which attention was focussed.

Twenty-four of the 26 Axis planes shot down — this was yesterday

ABATEMENT SEEN ON SOME '42 TAX

House Ways And Means Group Appear Agreed On Proposal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Members of the House Ways and Means committee appeared agreed tonight after four days' discussion of a pay-as-you-go tax plan that some portion of 1942 income taxes would be abated but many of them looked with disfavor on the Ruml plan.

Supporters of the proposal advocated by Beardsley Ruml, New York banker, to wipe out all 1942 income tax assessments conceded that they could not muster a majority in the committee but still hoped to win new followers.

Rep. Crawford (R-Mich.) appearing as a witness today, expressed the view that any tax cancellation, in view of the government's wartime needs, "is almost economic blasphemy."

He proposed that the 1942 taxes be collected in full, through amortization over several years if necessary, in attaining a current payment basis. He aligned himself with the Treasury Department and Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) in emphatic opposition to cancellation.

Ruml argued the merits of his proposal for five hours yesterday, contending his plan would improve the well-being of the Treasury. Thus far he has been the only witness to advocate all-out abatement of the 1942 obligations. The committee will hear 16 or more witnesses next week, among them representatives of the CIO and farm organizations. It probably will end the hearings by next Friday.

LUST OF HITLER EXPENSIVE PLAN

Nazi Leader's Conquest Already Cost World 400 Billions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Adolf Hitler's lust for conquest has already cost the world more than \$40,000,000,000, the Commerce department estimated today, and the cost may exceed \$50,000,000,000 if the fuhrer is not brought to his knees for another year.

The department based its estimate of the staggering financial toll of Hitlerism on known and estimated military expenditures to date of Germany and her victims and the nations allied against her, and the loss in national income to the Axis-conquered lands.

While most of the financial burden has fallen on the nations opposed to the Axis, "the cost of Hitler has been shared by the Germans themselves and, more particularly, by the Italians," the department reported in its weekly publication, Foreign Commerce Weekly.

German military expenditures since Hitler came to power were estimated in excess of \$10,000,000,000, while Italy was said to have spent about \$8,000,000,000 "since the date, June 1940, of her deluded entry on the side of the Nazis."

While a late entrant into the war against Nazism, the United States has already spent more than any other power fighting Germany, the article continued.

Taking only expenditures already used or appropriated for military purposes during the last three years, the cost of Hitlerism to the United States so far was placed at \$112,300,000,000.

Expenditures by the United Kingdom since the rise of Hitlerism were estimated at \$58,200,000,000 and of Russia at \$96,000,000,000.

Estimates of expenditures by other nations due to Hitler's rise to power included:

France (since 1932) \$10,100,000,000; Canada (since 1939) \$4,814,000,000; Australia (since 1939) \$1,760,000,000; New Zealand (since 1939) \$319,000,000; South Africa (since 1939) \$514,000,000; Poland (1933-39) \$2,660,000,000; the Netherlands (1933-40) \$889,000,000; Belgium (1933-40) \$3,400,000,000; Norway (1936-40) \$93,000,000; Yugoslavia (1938-40) \$220,000,000; Greece (1937-41) \$165,000,000; Czechoslovakia (1933-39) \$1,500,000,000.

In addition, the article estimated the loss in national income in Axis conquered lands at more than \$100,000,000,000.

SOLDIERS THANKED

CAIRO, Saturday, Feb. 6—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill flew to Tripoli on Wednesday and thanked the British Eighth Army for its achievements, it was announced early today.

In fights resulting from American raids on German airdromes and auxiliary fields in the Gabes area—were torn apart by two formations of Flying Fortresses in a 50-mile running combat which cost but a single Fortress. The 25th Axis plane was downed by American Lightning fighters; the 26th was destroyed in attempting to sweep over the Allied forward area.

In the great combat over the Gabes area four Lightnings were lost, aside from the single Fortress. Five other Allied fighters were lost in other operations.

'MATT RANSOM' TO BE LAUNCHED

65th Liberty Freighter To Be Christened Here Today

The North Carolina Shipbuilding company will send its 65th Liberty ship down the ways Saturday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock as it launches the S. S. Matt W. Ransom, named for a former North Carolina senator.

The ship will be sponsored by Mrs. J. K. Fenimore, wife of the foreman of the yard's steam Engineers department. Her matrons of honor will be Mrs. T. F. Hardin, of South Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. H. B. Patrick, of 811 Chestnut street.

Matt Whitaker Ransom was born in Warren county in 1826 and died in 1904.

He was graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1847 and was admitted to the bar the same year. He was presidential elector in the Whig ticket in 1852. For the

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\$4,000,000,000 Asked For Navy By Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Mounting costs of the war at sea brought a request from President Roosevelt today for an additional \$4,000,000,000 in cash and \$210,000,000 in contract authorizations for the Navy.

In submitting the request to Congress, the budget bureau tersely explained that the funds were necessary to "provide for the prosecution of the war" and "for contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the budget for the fiscal year 1943."

The "contingencies" were unexplained but it was believed that a substantial part of the money would be used for Naval vessels commissioned earlier than anticipated and for training and equipping the expanding personnel.

AGAINST SALARY ORDER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Republican members of the House Ways and Means committee organized formally today to knock out by congressional action the \$25,000 (after taxes) wartime salary limitation set by executive order.

WEATHER

FORECAST:
For North Carolina: Continued warm with showers.

Station	High	Low	R/fall
Asheville	53	49	0.47
Atlantic City	55	43	0.00
Boston	48	41	0.00
Burlington	38	30	0.00
Cincinnati	56	28	0.00
Denver	57	28	0.00
El Paso	62	50	0.00
Fort Worth	74	43	0.00
Jacksonville	82	62	0.00
Key West	81	62	0.00
Memphis	64	50	0.00
Miami	81	71	0.00
Mobile	74	62	0.93
New York	52	38	0.00
Pittsburgh	59	33	0.00
Richmond	54	49	0.13
San Antonio	81	75	0.00
Tampa	77	64	0.00
Washington	52	40	0.00

Enforcement Of Dimout Regulations Is Started

Enforcement of dim-out regulations in the Wilmington area began Friday night, according to Chief C. H. Casteen, of the Wilmington police department. All motorists are urged to drive with dim-out lights on their cars, or they must have the top of the headlights painted black.

Failure to abide by the new regulations will result in arrest, Chief Casteen declared.

These regulations require that all motor vehicles in the eight-mile coast zone may proceed after dark with four-watt parking lights only and must not exceed 15 miles per

hour. Within the 25-mile zone they must have the upper half of headlights blacked out and may travel no more than 35 miles per hour.

Sheriff C. David Jones said Friday morning that all smudge pots would be lighted at signs on highways, which are being repainted, and that the order will be carried out to the letter.

The mayors of Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach, constables in small communities, the State Highway Patrol and sheriff's deputies have started to

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New Advance Made By U. S. Bombers

Warplanes and Ships Slugged Out Over Wide Pacific Area

MANY JAP SHIPS SEEN

Between 30 and 40 Vessels Sighted in Shortland Sector

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—American troops on Guadalcanal made another important advance into enemy-held territory, the Navy reported today, as warplanes and ships slugged at each other over a wide area in the eighth day of a crucial struggle for control of the Solomon islands.

The Navy maintained its silence about developments in the sea-air fighting and its communiqué said only that "sporadic encounters" were continuing. This was said to mean that American and Japanese naval task forces, strongly supported by land-based planes, were still striking at each other in a number of separate actions.

Large Forces Involved

Large forces were involved. Dispatches from Guadalcanal said aerial reconnaissance had shown between 30 and 40 Jap ships, including many warships, in harbor at Shortland island Monday.

Another dispatch describes a new type of night attack by two waves of twelve Mitsubishi twin-engine torpedo planes against a United States task force 35 miles south of Guadalcanal last Friday.

The enemy dropped float lights on the water and then marker flares which hung suspended in the air for several minutes. Gunners on the ships had difficulty in picking out the torpedo planes as they came in low, although the planes' exhausts helped locate them and at least 17 were destroyed. Our losses, if any were not reported.

One dispatch dated Monday said that "aerial observers reported tonight that a large force of Jap warships was headed for Guadalcanal apparently to deliver reinforcements to the weakening enemy forces on the island."

Mussolini Takes Over Foreign Ministry Post Displacing Son-in-Law

(By the Associated Press) (By the Associated Press) Premier Mussolini of Italy has taken over the foreign ministry, displacing his son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, who had held the office since 1936, a Rome broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said tonight.

Giuseppe Bastianini, governor of Dalmatia and former ambassador to Britain, was appointed under-secretary of foreign affairs, the broadcast said.

Count Ciano was appointed a member of the Fascist grand council for three years, apparently his only post in the new setup.

Premier Mussolini already holds the war, navy, air and interior portfolios.

NEGRO SENTENCED TO GAS CHAMBER

Columbus County Man To Die For Shooting Another Recently

WHITEVILLE, Feb. 5.—A Columbus county jury deliberated forty-five minutes Friday afternoon to find Wayman Grainger, Chadbourne Negro, guilty of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Harry Lee Lipps, 26 year old white farmer, on the streets of Chadbourne three weeks ago.

Judge Luther Hamilton, who presides at the term of court in Whiteville this week, immediately sentenced Grainger to death in the lethal gas chamber at State's prison on April 23.

Attorneys for the Negro filed notice of appeal to the supreme court of North Carolina.

The jury began its deliberations at 2 p. m. Friday. Judge Hamilton had finished his charge to the jury at 1 p. m. and the jurors, who held the fate of the Negro in their hands were then taken out to dinner. The verdict of the jury came at 2:45 p. m. The Negro took the sentence calmly and showed no visible traces of emotion when Judge Hamilton was reading the sentence of death.

The state had contended in the trial which started Wednesday afternoon that Grainger shot Lipps in the heart on the night of January 13 after the white man jokingly threatened to tell the Negro's wife that he was "running around with other women."

The shooting happened in the heart of Chadbourne's business district and had attracted wide attention in this section. The Negro, before going to work at the North Carolina Shipbuilding company in Wilmington last September, had for a number of years served as janitor and handyman around numerous places of business in Chadbourne.

Many Chadbourne people took the stand Thursday to testify to the Negro's good character.

WMC Draft Order Strikes Opposition Of Lawmakers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The War Manpower Commission's plan to draft fathers of families unless they switch from "non-essential" jobs to more essential occupations encountered strenuous opposition today in the House, where members of the Military committee moved to block the program.

Chairman May (D-Ky.) announced that hearings are scheduled for next week on a bill by Rep. Kilday (D-Tex.) to give deferment priorities to men with dependents and to put draft quotas on a state basis. Under his procedure, all eligible men in a state who are without dependents would have to be drafted before heads of families could be called.

Simultaneously, Chairman Fulmer, (D-SC) of the Agriculture committee drafted a bill to compel the deferment of bona fide farm workers and to make men in uniform available for agriculture work in regions where there are shortages of labor.

Kilday's bill is similar to legislation written by the House into

the teen-age draft bill last year but stricken out in conference.

I would set up four categories and make it mandatory for draft boards to follow them in filling quotas. In the first category would be men without dependents; in the second, men with collateral dependents, such as mothers, fathers, sisters or brothers; in the third, married men without children but maintaining a bona fide family relationship in their homes; in the fourth, men with children and maintaining a bona fide family relationship in the home.

The bill provides that marriages, to be taken into consideration in determining deferment status, must have occurred prior to December 8, 1941, the day of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, or prior to the time when induction was imminent.

To protect men whose marriages took place while they were beyond the then existing maximum draft age, the bill declares such mar-

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STALIN FORECASTS VICTORY FOR ALLIES AS RED ARMIES OVERRUN ENEMY HELD AREA

Nest Of Trouble For Nazis



Guns and gun crews like these on Russia's northern front helped to smash Nazi forces and relieve the siege of Leningrad. The snow-covered dugout, invisible from the air, protects men and guns from bitter cold as well as enemy eyes. Telephone connection with artillery headquarters enable these batteries to go into action in any part of their sector within a few minutes.

AFRICAN PROBLEM APPEARS CLEARER

Hull Expresses Belief That Political Outlook Is Brighter

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Belief that the North African political problems are clearing up was expressed by Secretary Hull today, and it was also made known that a relief program for civilians there is well underway with 50,000 tons of food and other supplies already delivered.

The secretary of state told a press conference there had been a decided improvement in the general political situation since the Casablanca conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. He called the announced release of 27 French Communist deputies, who had been under arrest since 1940, an example of how the situation is being clarified.

Asked about 5,500 Spanish Republicans held in concentration camps, he intimated he might have something to announce soon concerning them. The Spanish government would naturally be consulted, he said, on any move affecting Spanish citizens. He replied that he had nothing to report when asked if they might be sent to Mexico.

Lend-lease administrator E. R. Stettinius, Jr., disclosed that the civilian relief and rehabilitation program calls for delivery of about 30,000 tons of food and other supplies monthly from the United States and additional quantities from Great Britain. He said it was being carried out almost entirely under lend-lease but in cooperation with the Office of Foreign Relief headed by Herbert H. Lehman.

Turin And Spezia Fired By RAF's 'Blockbusters'

LONDON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The RAF bombed the Turin royal arsenals and the Spezia naval base in Italy, German industries in the Ruhr and Nazi submarine pens at Lorient on the French coast last night and bombers and fighter squadrons roared across the channel again today to keep the continent under aerial assault 'round the clock.

The new target of night attack was Spezia, below battered Genoa on the Ligurian seashore.

All the others have been hard hit before but it was Turin's first bombing since last December 11, when the first two-month phase of British attack on Italian industries ended.

Pilots reported the Turin defenses had been reinforced but had proved no more effective than on their previous forays across the Alps.

"The Turin defenses were badly handled," a pilot said. "There was little method in them when the attack once started."

Four-ton super-blockbusters were dropped on Turin the heaviest of the night in the heaviest of the many spreading wide over the continent in the four separate night forays, most of them made by Britain's biggest bombers.

The Italians said the raid on Turin had caused destruction and as yet uncounted casualties. They minimized the effects of Spezia's first bombing.

The Ruhr raid was made during reconnaissance. The targets were not identified, but it was assumed that they were the beginnings of U-boat production. Both British and Allied bombers, including the big American fortressers and Liberators have concentrated recently on all phases of U-boat production, from the inland engine and battery factories to the harbors where the undersea raiders are fitted and launched into the North Atlantic.

The Lorient raid was another of a systematic series aimed at the concrete-sheltered pens which are the active operational bases for attacks on Allied shipping.

During the day, the Germans said yesterday's American big bomber attack on northwestern Germany — their second on the Reich proper — was a failure and that eight U. S. planes were shot down, as against the American admission of the loss of five.

MacArthur Hurls Power Of Airmen At Japanese

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, (Saturday), Feb. 6—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur hurled his aerial might against Japanese shipping over a wide area of the South Pacific today. In one attack on Ambon, west of Dutch New Guinea, four-motored Liberators bombed 20,000 tons of ships, destroying or seriously damaging the three vessels.

B-24s (Liberators) and B-17s (Flying Fortresses), both heavy bombers, raided in an arc sweeping from Ambon through Lorengau in the Admiralty islands to Talasea, New Britain.

The planes also sank a boat and damaged a second. Lorengau and sank a 1,000-ton merchantman in three minutes. Talasea.

Meanwhile our ground troops New Guinea also dealt punishing blows to the Japs, killing 1,000 actions on the Kumusi river at the Wau area, below Salamaua.

Ambon, Lorengau, the islands south of Dutch Gu Rabaul (New Britain base for the seventh straight New Britain, Gasmata, also in

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NOTE SENT TO FIVE

Soviet Premier Replies Roosevelt Message Of Praise

NEARING KEY CENTRE

Russians Driving Down Nazis From All Sides In Caucasus

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 6—(AP)—Premier Joseph Stalin has sent a message to President Roosevelt expressing his conviction that "joint military operations of the armed forces of the United States of America, Great Britain, and the U. S. S. R. in the near future will bring about victory over our common enemy," a Moscow patch said early today.

This message, which applied to Roosevelt's congratulations on the Russian victory at Stalingrad, was closed as two Russian communiqués recorded by Soviet monitor here con- sidered to tell of sweeping army gains all along the German defense line in Asia.

The 22 Miles From Kursk

The Red army was reported in 22 miles of Kursk, 45 miles Belgorod, and only 50 miles Kharkov. These are the three German positions in southern Asia aside from Rostov, Caucasus gateway city which already is held directly by Soviet troops cracked the first line of German defenses about 30 miles to the southeast.

The midnight bulletin said Russians south of Rostov still advancing, and a Reuters spokesman report said that Batails Russian south of the key city, fallen.

A special Russian communiqué earlier had announced the capture of Stary Oskol, an important way town 75 miles southeast of Kursk and Izyum, another way point in the Ukraine 70 miles southeast of Kharkov.

But the midnight bulletin said that southwest of Stary whose Axis garrison was wiped or taken prisoner, the Red had swept on to take Skorod 45 miles northeast of Izyum. This town is about 100 miles between Kursk and Kharkov.

In the Ukraine the Russians said to have captured Olkhov a district center 68 miles Kharkov, and Veliki-Burluk, a district center only 50 miles from Kharkov.

Veliki-Burluk is 25 miles captured Kupiansk on the railway northwest to Belgorod is still another step in the military Russian slaying of the Nazi-held network of railway southern Russia upon which the town's supplies and reinforcements depend.

Yama, in the Ukraine, an railway point on the Kharkov roshilovgrad line, was seized by advancing Russians. This is 15 miles southeast of Krasnodar.

Recaptured Izyum is 25 miles northwest of Krasny Liman, the taking of all three of the points further endangered V. ilovgrad, Donets basin industrial center.

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